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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below by my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor if multiple names are listed below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ESTABLISHING A QUORUM FOR A GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED CLUSTER OF COMPUTERS**

for which a patent application:

is attached hereto.

was filed in the United States on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_;  
 with amendment(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the application identified above, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, which states in relevant part:

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EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION			
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e), of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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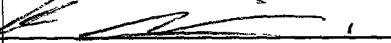
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